

ATTACHMENT - CLAIMS LISTING

Please cancel claims 3 and 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit for eggs or similar fragile articles, said packaging unit comprising:

a bottom part comprising nonplanar side surfaces of egg-shaped compartments which match at least partially the outer contours of the eggs contained within said unit; and

a cover part comprising a top surface and substantially planar front and rear side surfaces, and substantially planar opposing end faces, wherein the rear side surface is permanently attached to the bottom part and the front side surface comprises an opening to the unit, said cover part comprising partial ovoid portions extending outwardly from at least one of the planar end faces, being adapted to match the shape of the eggs contained within said unit, said portions being located on at least one of the planar end faces of said cover part, said portions matching the shape of the eggs contained within the unit, wherein the shape is formed as portions of a three-dimensional object defined by a two-dimensional object being rotated about an axis of revolution substantially normal to said top surface of the cover part.

2. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, where said partial ovoid reflecting the shape of the eggs each comprises substantially a quarter of the total surface area of the corresponding egg portions are about one quarter of a complete ovoid.

3-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said nonplanar side surfaces of the bottom part are partially ovoid-shaped as a portion of the surface of an egg.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said egg-shaped partial ovoid portions of the cover part continue in said corresponding egg-shaped portions-compartments of the bottom part, the corresponding portions in the cover part and in the bottom part thereby matching a continuous portion of the a surface of an egg.

8. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said egg-shaped partial ovoid portions located at one of the planar-end faces or both planar-end faces of the cover part together with the corresponding egg-shaped portions-compartments in the bottom part correspond to a major portion of the a surface of an egg.

9. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 8, wherein said major portion of the surface of an egg constitutes not less than approximately 60% of the total surface of an egg.

10. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said cover part on those partial ovoid portions, has a different surface structure than the remaining portions of the cover part.

11. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 10, wherein said surface structure of the partial ovoid is relatively smooth and the surface structure of the remaining surfaces of the unit is relatively coarse.

12. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 10, wherein said surface structure of the partial ovoid is relatively coarse and the surface structure of the remaining surfaces of the unit is relatively smooth.

13. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said egg-shaped compartments of the bottom part on these portions, which are formed to match the contours of the eggs in the unit, has have a different surface structure than the remaining portions of the cover-bottom part.

14. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 13, wherein said surface structure of the compartment is relatively smooth and the surface structure of the remaining surfaces of the unit is relatively coarse.

15. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 13, wherein said surface structure of the compartment is relatively coarse and the surface structure of the remaining surfaces of the unit is relatively smooth.

16. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said cover part on the planar front side is provided with at least one opening for engagement with one or more protrusions provided on said bottom part.

17. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 16, wherein said engagement between the one or more protrusions and corresponding openings is a tight engagement around the complete circumference of the protrusion.

18. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 16, wherein the shape of said openings and corresponding protrusions substantially correspond to a longitudinal cross-section through an egg.

19. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 16, wherein the outer surface of said protrusions is substantially planar.
20. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 16, wherein said outer surface of the protrusions is flush with said front surface of the cover part.
21. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 16, wherein the lower edge portion of said protrusions is flush with said front surface and where the upper edge portion of said protrusions extends outwardly relative to the front surface.
22. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said top surface and/or said front surface and/or said rear surface of the cover part is/are provided with graphical and/or pictorial information and/or embossing.
23. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said outer surface of the protrusions is provided with graphical and/or pictorial information and/or embossing.
24. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said bottom part and said cover part are connected to each other by means of a hinge portion extending along one edge portion of the interface between said bottom and cover parts.
25. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein the interface between said cover part and said bottom part inclines downwardly from the rear side of the packaging unit to the front side, thus yielding a higher front side of the cover part than rear side of the cover part.

26. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 25, wherein said interface is curved.
27. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein the lower edge of said front surface of the cover part is curved in a downward direction beneath the interface between said cover part and said bottom part for extension of the area of the front surface and for facilitating opening of the unit.
28. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 27, wherein the downward extension of the front surface covers up to the total height of the bottom part.
29. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said bottom part on the under side is provided with a pattern of supporting ribs connecting base portions of the egg-shaped compartments in the bottom part, whereby the mechanical strength of the unit is increased.
30. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 29, wherein said base portions and said supporting ribs define a substantially planar surface for placement of the unit.
31. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 29, wherein said base portions and said supporting ribs define a surface for placement of the unit, the central portions of which surface are elevated with respect to the peripheral portions hereof.
32. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said one or more protrusions are provided on a flexible flap placed along one upper edge portion of the bottom part.

33. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 32, wherein portions of said flexible flap are formed such that they constitute a part of the walls of adjacent compartments.

34. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 18, wherein the size of said planar face of the protrusions approximately corresponds to the size of the tip of a thumb.

35. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 18, wherein the size of said planar face of the protrusions is within the range (20 mm to 30 mm) x (15 mm to 20 mm).

36. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said unit is formed as one integrated unit in one material.

37. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said egg-shaped compartments of the bottom part and said ~~corresponding partial ovoid~~ portions of the cover part ~~match the shape of the eggs in the~~ unit define internal surfaces in the unit, which internal surfaces correspond to a portion of the a total surface of an egg.

38. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 37, wherein said internal surfaces in the unit correspond to at least 60% of the a surface of an egg.

39. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 37, wherein said egg-shaped compartments are provided with support structures for the ends of the eggs to be placed in the compartments.

40. (New) A display and distribution packaging unit for eggs or similar fragile articles, said packaging unit comprising:

a bottom part comprising nonplanar side surfaces of egg-shaped compartments which match at least partially the outer contours of the eggs contained within said unit; and

a cover part comprising a top surface and substantially planar front and rear side surfaces, and planar opposing end faces, the planar front and rear surfaces being longer than the planar end faces, said cover part comprising partial ovoid portions extending outwardly from at least one of the planar end faces of said cover part.